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## ***Kernan Awards Community Focus Fund Grants to 36 Communities***

INDIANAPOLIS— Lt. Governor Joe Kernan today awarded more than \$14.8 million in federal funds to keep 36 Indiana communities moving forward.

In a Statehouse ceremony, Kernan announced 2002's first round recipients of Community Focus Fund (CFF) grants. The federally funded grants, which are administered by the Indiana Department of Commerce's Community Development Division, are awarded twice each year.

"We're proud to recognize the hard work and planning demonstrated by these communities," said Kernan, who serves as director of the Department of Commerce. "These grants will help communities invest in their future – and their current quality of life – by supporting new and upgraded infrastructure and services."

CFF funds are available to small cities, towns and counties for construction projects and are designed to benefit low-to-moderate-income individuals or to eliminate blight. Projects eligible for CFF grants include infrastructure improvements, childcare facilities, senior and community centers, downtown revitalization, and fire stations and fire trucks. Up to \$500,000 is available per applicant. A match of at least 10 percent is required from the grant recipient.

A complete list of first round 2002 grant recipients is attached.

This year marks the 28th anniversary of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which funds CFF projects and other community development initiatives. For more information about the CFF grant program, contact the Community Development Division of the Indiana Department of Commerce at 317.232.8911 or 800.824.2476, or access its Web site at [www.indianacommerce.com](http://www.indianacommerce.com).

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<u>Applicant</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Project Type</u>	<u>CFF Award</u>
Albany	Delaware/Randolph	Stormwater	\$485,000
Atlanta	Hamilton	Water	\$500,000
Attica	Fountain	Water	\$333,886
Bartholomew County	Bartholomew	County Service Center	\$480,000
Bedford	Lawrence	Center for Behavioral Health	\$495,000
Benton County	Benton	Stormwater	\$480,000
Boswell	Benton	Fire Truck	\$121,849
Bourbon	Marshall	Senior Center	\$420,000
Center Point	Clay	Sewer	\$403,000
Centerville	Wayne	Water	\$500,000
Crawford County	Crawford	EMS Building	\$282,800
Dale	Spencer	Sewer	\$500,000
Decatur County	Decatur	Fire Truck	\$150,000
Elberfeld	Warrick	Water	\$490,000
Haubstadt	Gibson	Water	\$490,000
Jackson County	Jackson	Community Center (Freetown)	\$490,000
Jefferson County	Jefferson	Sewer	\$490,000
Kewanna	Fulton	Fire Truck	\$150,000
Lawrence County	Lawrence	Water	\$480,000
Losantville	Randolph	Fire Truck	\$150,000
Monticello	White	Head Start Center	\$458,947
Nappanee	Elkhart	Senior Housing/Boys & Girls Club	\$495,000
Oolitic	Lawrence	Water	\$475,000
Owensville	Gibson	Sewer	\$480,000
Parke County	Parke	Food Pantry	\$313,021
Pulaski County	Pulaski	Library	\$355,848
Royal Center	Cass	Water	\$500,000
Rush County	Rush	Sewer	\$500,000
Rushville	Rush	Stormwater	\$458,532
Shoals	Martin	Sewer	\$500,000
St. Paul	Decatur/Shelby	Water	\$500,000
Starke County	Starke	Council on Aging Bldg. Renovation	\$412,250
Vernon	Jennings	Fire Truck	\$150,000
White County	White	Disabled Services Center	\$400,798
Williamsport	Warren	Sewer	\$490,000
Yorktown	Delaware	Water	\$470,000

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